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Food and Drug Administration
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Rockville, MD 2085

Subject: **Docket #98N-1038**
Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food

Dear FDA:

The purpose of this letter is to express our opinion on the decision currently being considered on whether food that has been irradiated should be labeled as such. Our strong belief is the following:

1. **Foods treated with irradiation should be clearly labeled as such (i.e., specifically stating that it has been "irradiated"), as well as use the international irradiation symbol, the radura.** We like to have choices in the types of foods we eat. Whether or not food has been irradiated is an important criteria for us, and therefore we would like to be able to make educated decisions about such food.
2. **We believe this labeling should never expire in the future.** As long as food is irradiated, it should ALWAYS be clearly labeled as such, with clear wording and the use of the radura symbol.

We hope you take serious consideration of our opinions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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